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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING JUNE 3, 1975:

Q. YESTERDAY YOU WERE ASKED ABOUT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE
SOVIET-LIBYAN NUCLEAR REACTOR DEAL. YOU SAID YOU HAD JUST
SEEN IT. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON IT TODAY?

A. OF COURSE, WE HAVE SEEN THE ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT THE
SOVIET UNION IS GOING TO ASSIST LIBYA WITH A NUCLEAR
RESEARCH CENTER. WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH DETAIL REALLY TO
COMMENT.

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AS A GENERAL PROPOSITION, I WOULD REPEAT WHAT I SAID YESTER-

DAY AND ALSO TODAY IN RESPONSE TO AN EARLIER QUESTION ABOUT WEST GERMANY AND BRAZIL.

WE ARE INTERESTED TO SEE THAT ALL EXPANSION OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES BE ACCOMPANIED BY CONTROLS AND SAFEGUARDS TO ENSURE THAT THESE FACILITIES ARE NOT DIVERTED TO NONPEACEFUL PURPOSES.

Q. THE SOVIET UNION IS A SIGNATORY TO THE NPT. DO YOU HAVE ANY ASSUMPTION TO MAKE ON THE PRESENCE OF SAFEGUARDS IN THIS ARRANGEMENT ON THE BASIS OF THAT?

A. THE ASSUMPTION IS THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL FOLLOW THE TERMS OF THE TREATY TO WHICH IT'S A SIGNATORY. INGERSOLL

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